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Dear Harris:

Thank you for your letter of February 19 concerning three issues raised at this year's session of the United Nations Human Rights Commission -- the plight of Andrei Sakharov, the human rights situation in Argentina, and the problem of the disappeared. We believe significant progress was made on these questions.

The Soviet Union's treatment of Andrei Sakharov was condemned by many delegations at the session, including of course the United States Representative. In addition, the Commission decided to consider Sakharov's situation again at next year's session as a matter of priority.

With respect to disappearances, the Commission, with active participation of our delegation, decided to create an expert working group to deal with the question of missing and disappeared persons. This working group will be empowered to seek information from both governments and private sources. I have enclosed the text of the resolution for your information.

In addition, Argentina was considered by the Commission under its confidential procedures, as one of the so-called Resolution 1503 cases.

The International League for Human Rights contributes importantly to the work of the Human Rights Commission, and we welcome your comments on the Commission's activities.

With regards.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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Sincerely,

Chris

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Enclosure:

Resolution.

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